XII. GROUP 'D' STAFF

06 (for fullfledged School)

(i) Primary Level	03
(ii) Middle Level	04
(iii) Secondary	05
(iv) Sr. Sec.	06

Additional part-time requirements in respect of Chowkidar/ Sweeper can be considered depending on physical location of the school.

Remarks against Physiotherapists in Safdarjung Hospital

- *54. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;
- (a) whether it is a fact that a Consultant of Department of Rehabilitates, Safdarjung Hospital has made derogatory remarks against the physiotheraphy professionals;
 - (b) if so, what action have been taken against the Consultant;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Estimates Committee of Seventh Lok Sabha had suggested to make the Physiotherapy Department functional independently; and
- (e) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard to avoid derogatory remarks by professionals against others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Medical Superintendent of Safdarjung Hospital has informed that Dr. S.Y. Kothari, Consultant (Rehabilitation), Safdarjung Hospital has received a legal notice (dated 24th January, 2001) from Shri Kundan Kumar, Advocate representing Ms Physiotherapy Forum with office at G-16, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi, calling upon Dr. Kothari to withdraw certain remarks. No action on the part of the Ministry is possible at this stage.

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(d) The suggestions of the Estimates Committee are as under:—

"At present Physiotherapy units are working in two CGHS hospitals in Delhi. There is weight in the Ministry's contention that it will not be necessary nor practical to have Physiotherapy units in all the CGHS dispensaries. The Ministry may, however, consider the feasibility and desirability of setting up a few more Physiotherapy units outside the hospitals for the benefit of beneficiaries residing far away from these hospitals".

(e) In view of the position described above, no action on the part of the Ministry is possible at this stage.

Attack on fasting agitators

- *55. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned agitators attacked while fasting appearing in 'Asian Age' dated 26th January, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether the unemployed persons staging the agitation were empanelled for appointment as Gangman in Kharagpur-Howrah Division, as reported;
- (c) if so, the chronological details of the employment notice, written test, empanelment and follow-up action referred to in the report;
 - (d) whether any enquiry has been ordered on RPF action; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, the process of recruitment in this case had to be halted on the basis of a complaint received from Shri Gurudas Dasgupta, Ex. MP who alleged about serious irregularities in the recruitment process. A vigilance enquiry was